

# The Times

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1901.

## BANKING.

At a recent meeting of bankers in Chicago, Mr. A. B. Stickney, president of the Chicago Great Western Railway Company, delivered an address on the "Central Reserve Bank."

He contended that a central reserve bank would not, and could not, become a monopoly, extending its branches to every village and driving all other banks out of existence. The necessity of keeping 45 per cent. of reserve would render it incapable of competing except in the larger transactions with the other banks, which would carry no more than 5 to 10 per cent. of reserve. The reserve, he said, is the regulator of the banking business. As a matter of fact, he went on to say, the Bank of England has only eleven branches, while the other banks in England, Scotland and Wales have 4,321 branches. The banking business outside of London is entirely in the possession of the other banks. Some of the other banks, both in and out of London, in point of deposits rival the Bank of England, and in the matter of loans outstrip it.

Mr. Stickney expressed the opinion that there was no safety and could be no safety to financial affairs in the United States until the Treasury could be abolished, but at the same time that we must not close our eyes to the fact that it has become an integral part of the banking system and cannot be safely destroyed until a central reserve bank has been developed.

"It is my conviction," he proceeded, "that if the restrictions of the American banking laws were repealed and banking made free, there would be developed in the United States a banking system substantially on the lines of the Scotch-English system. In the process of time one of the systems of branch banks would demonstrate its fitness, and solely by reason of its superior fitness, not by force of legislation, it would be selected by the other banks as the Central Reserve Bank. A bank thus evolved, it may be assumed, would be fit both in respect to financial responsibilities and in respect to the character and capacity of its directors and managers, for the Government to enter into the ordinary relationship of customer and bank. Such is the central bank, which I advocated, a bank produced by evolution and controlled by the national laws of trade, instead of a bank controlled by parliament, ill considered and compromise legislation. Under free banking laws, many, and perhaps a majority, of the present banks would continue to conduct local independent banks for an indefinite period. Being free, they could continue their independent banks as long as they saw fit. More than 10 per cent. of the banks of England have no branches."

We suppose that politicians will continue indefinitely to attempt to regulate all the financial and commercial affairs of the country by legislative enactment, but men of affairs are learning more and more every day that the best thing that the Government can do for business is to let the natural laws of trade and of finance have free course. We shall never have anything approaching a perfect banking system in this country until that fact is recognized by the lawmakers.

## DANVILLE'S FAVOR.

The tax-payers of Danville will to-morrow vote on a proposition to subscribe \$250,000 to the capital stock of the Mt. Rogers and Eastern Railroad, and as the business men generally of the community seem to be in favor of it, it is more than probable that the subscription will be voted by a substantial majority.

The Register expresses the opinion that if the bond is built it will possibly be an independent line, or at least operated in conjunction with some railroad system, which does not now enter Danville. In either event, it says, the competitive rates, reasonably deemed so essential to the commercial welfare of the city, will be secured. A condition of the subscription is that the line must be constructed before Danville issues a single bond and it is further conditioned that should the benefits which Danville is supposed to receive be withdrawn or lost to the city within a given period the subscription is to be forfeited by the railroad. And so the Register thinks that it is a safe investment and will yield handsome returns to the city.

The road will open up a new territory to Danville and give it a through line from the coal fields of the West to the seaboard. It is also promised, we understand, that the company's shops will be located at Danville, and it would appear that the benefits to be derived are substantial. Danville has already subscribed to three different railroads with a view to getting competing rates, and it is an interesting fact that each one of the roads so constructed has since fallen into the hands of the Southern Railway Company, with which they were designed to compete. But it cannot be said that this money was thrown away. The line which was built from Danville to Lynchburg has been the means of putting Danville on the main line of the Southern Railway Company, and the Atlantic and Danville road has given her a direct line to the seaboard, while the Danville and Western narrow gauge road, which runs up into Henry and Patrick counties, has necessarily increased her trade with those sections and may eventually become part of a great western road. If the Mt. Rogers and Eastern road is built, Danville will be an important railroad center, and her manufacturing capacity will be materially enlarged.

The people of Danville are as indus-

trious and enterprising as any people in the South and they have built up a flourishing and beautiful city under many difficulties. The changes in the tobacco trade have cost Danville dearly and she has suffered while adjusting herself to new conditions. But she has diversified her industries, has built up some of the largest and finest cotton mills in the South, has developed her magnificent water power, and more recently has been branching out in other directions of manufacture. The fact that her people are now willing to subscribe so large a sum of money to a new railroad is evidence of their determination to develop and progress and is an notice to the world that Danville is not a finished town.

Without presuming to express any opinion as to the merits of this new railroad enterprise and of the wisdom of making a subscription to it, we may at least congratulate our friends of Danville upon the spirit of enterprise and progress, which is manifested in this endeavor. It is that sort of pluck and push that builds up a community. "The people are the city."

## HELP THE COLLEGE.

The following munificent gifts to the cause of education have recently been announced:

Mrs. Stanford to Stanford University, \$20,000.00; Mr. Carnegie to a National University, \$100,000.00; gifts to Wesleyan University, \$125,000.00; to Bryn Mawr, \$50,000.00; total, \$425,000.00.

Forty million dollars in one week to education! What does it mean? It means that the rich men and women of this country who have the good of humanity at heart are convinced that the great gift to humanity is education. A rich man at the north has agreed to give a large sum of money to Richmond College on condition that the friends of the college will raise an equal amount. In short he proposes to give one dollar for every dollar that all the friends of this institution combined will give. It is a liberal offer, it is a perfectly fair offer, and if the friends of this college will only be as liberal all together as the northern man is singly and alone, the college will have a magnificent endowment fund.

Richmond College is not to be regarded as a sectarian school. True it is controlled by those who belong to the Baptist Church, but it is not a theological school and no special privileges are given to those who belong to the Baptist denomination. It is open to all and is a public institution which should have the support of the public. It is an institution of great influence in Virginia and in the city of Richmond and it is to be hoped that its friends will enable it to secure the endowment which the rich man at the North has offered.

## SPARE US.

The Times is in favor of providing for every case of destitution among the old Confederates, and we are very willing to pay taxes to that end. It would be a public shame to permit any honorable soldier of Virginia to suffer for the necessities of life.

But in the name of the Confederate cause, in the name of Virginia manhood and Virginia patriotism, let us have nothing approaching a pension grab in the Old Dominion. Our men did not fight for spoils. They fought for principle, and let us not at this late day dishonor the cause, and the men who gave their lives for it, by initiating in even a pique way the disgraceful pension system of the Federal Government. Let us avoid every appearance of evil.

"I am willing to take the judgment of Admiral Dewey in the matter. He has been a commander of a fleet, and as such has known the anxieties and responsibilities which rest on a man under these circumstances. He was instrumental in the destruction of one Spanish fleet, and knows and realizes the feelings that encompass an officer under such conditions. I think Dewey has summed up the matter in a clear and concise manner, and I believe his conclusions will be endorsed by the patriotic people of the United States. I have no sympathy with the efforts which have been made to destroy the honor of an officer under such circumstances."—General Nelson A. Miles.

We are no great admirer of General Miles, but we admire this saying of his; this brave tribute to a brave officer of the navy. With the hearty approval of Dewey and Miles, Schley can well afford to snap his fingers at the rest of them.

A special from Birmingham, Ala., says that J. H. Means, General Manager of the Dominion Coal and Iron Company, left here this morning on his return to Nova Scotia with three car loads of Alabama negroes, who will go to work in the furnaces there.

It is further stated that Mr. Means encountered some opposition to the deportation of the negroes. Quite so. The Southern people do not want to deport the negroes.

The House Committee on General Laws decided that it was not expedient to pass at this time a bill giving the city of Norfolk the exclusive right to hold an exposition in connection with the Jamestown celebration, and so laid the Norfolk bill on the table, to rest until the General Assembly reconvenes in February. Richmond has simply been fighting for fair play. If after the matter has been thoroughly canvassed it be decided that the Norfolk plan is the best, Richmond will yield in good temper and do what she can to make the celebration a success. In the meantime let brotherly love continue.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

There are two street car companies in Richmond. The Richmond Passenger and Power Company, in addition to the regular ad valorem tax, pays on the first \$500,000 of its gross receipts 2 1/2 per cent. On the next \$100,000 of gross receipts the company pays 5 per cent. Five per cent. is Atlanta's limit under the general ordinance, but it is not Richmond's limit. The gross receipts between \$100,000 and \$500,000 pay Richmond 7 per cent., and the gross receipts above \$500,000 pay 10 per cent. The other street car company in Richmond, which had its tax rate fixed at a later date in January, 1900, pays 3 1/2 on the first \$200,000, 5 per cent. on the next \$100,000, 7 on the next 10 per cent. on all gross receipts above \$400,000.

The tax ridden people of American cities are waking up to the fact that there is "taxation in the streets," that the hives of industry and commerce which line the

thoroughfares have a valuable concession to grant in public utilities, and that capital, which is looking for safe investment, is ready to pay for certain concessions and to pay well when the grants take the form of practical monopoly.

In the case of Richmond, not only are the taxes paid, but the street car companies water the streets and pay the tickets for a quarter, and school-children tickets are sold at two for 5 cents.—Atlanta Constitution.

It was ever thus with Richmond. She never did stand well with the Legislature. Though the capital city of the State, and the largest tax-paying community in Virginia, there has always been an unaccountable prejudice against her in the minds of rural legislators. Will the present contest over the Tercentenary Exposition be an exception to the rule?—Index-Appel.

Make up your mind that the Creator made you to enjoy life and to have all the good things in this world necessary to your well-being and mental and spiritual growth. Think large things for yourself. God did not set you for the narrow limit which you have in mind. Limitation in thought will certainly produce limitation in possession. If you are convinced that you will never have much, that you are poor and will remain so, the changes are ten to one that you will.

How can you expect to expend your life, to enlarge your possessions, to widen your sphere, while you think and talk limitation? Enlarge your horizon; be generous to yourself in thought and ambition. The Creator never made people to limp along the starvation line; there are enough resources in the world to make everybody well, happy, and contented. The great trouble with us is that we circumscribe ourselves by thinking within narrow limits.—Success.

## PERSONAL AND CRITICAL.

Mrs. O. Bull, wife of the celebrated violinist, lives in Cambridge, Mass. She has presented the instrument used by her husband to the Museum at Bergen. It was made in 1532 by Caspari di Salo.

The Spanish papers have not been heard from concerning the finding of the Schley court of inquiry, but it never was believed in that country—except once for a few minutes—that Cervera won the victory at Santiago.—Philadelphia Times.

John Schroers, president of the St. Louis School Board, is in New York making observations for use in improving educational methods in the West, and more especially in improving school architecture.

The very latest thing for a widower to do is to marry his mother-in-law. The old mother-in-law, however, is becoming rather out of date.—New York Sun.

Ralph Hall Caine, the son of the famous novelist, who is barely 17, is editing "Household Words," the weekly paper founded and for some time edited by Charles Dickens.

Mrs. Goodloe—Why, Johnny, are you just going home now? Your mother's been looking for you all afternoon. Johnny—Yes, I know.

Mrs. Goodloe—Just think how worried I am. Johnny—Oh, she's near the end of her worryin'. I'm just beginning mine.—Philadelphia Press.

Miss Dorothy Catherine Draper, who died last week, was the first woman who ever sat for a photograph. It was made in 1830, and is now in the possession of the heirs of Lord Herschell.

E. S. Candler, Jr., a new member of the Mississippi delegation to Congress, says he made his first dollar by hauling out wood behind all voters of oxen to a country town and selling it.

## AFTERMATH.

It is announced that the Chicago Great Western Railroad is to be double-tracked between St. Paul and Chicago.

"Do you know, Harold," the happy maiden said, toying with a button of ... coat, "that a lot of envious fellows are saying you want to marry me for my money? How absurd that is! Why, my little property is all invested, and the income from it is only about \$150 a year."

"If you think we can live on that, darling," replied Harold, swallowing something with an effort and smoothing her brown hair, "I am willing to risk it."—Chicago Tribune.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Dec. 16.—A big black snake, which was sunning itself near a clump of blackberry bushes, was killed yesterday by Ira Beckwith. It measured five feet. One part of its body was swollen, the lump being very hard.

Beckwith put the snake open, and found inside it a china nest egg, which it had evidently swallowed while robbing some hen's nest. A neighbor identified the article as a certain snake's egg, and said that one which had disappeared from his farm two years ago.

It is supposed that the snake, unable either to digest or expel the egg, had carried it around for two years. The skin, at the point where the egg was found, was worn almost through.

Advance copies of the Christmas supplement of the Toronto Globe show one of the finest newspaper publications ever issued in Canada. Besides a magazine, handsomely illustrated and printed on fine paper, there are five separate colored plates similar to those given with the great English Christmas weeklies and monthlies.

"Is your uncle coming home from the Philippines soon?" asked the visitor. "Yes," said the editor's little boy; "his subscription has expired."—Indianapolis News.

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## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Society is spending most of its time on the streets this week, or, when at home, making dainty Christmas gifts, only one or two entertainments being on the programme, and those at night—the Christmas rush is upon everyone, and it is a toss up who is the most weary. The society lady who spends her day in the department stores, and rushes off to a debutante entertainment at night, or the wealthy club who serves her. The masculine members of society have a decidedly bored expression on them, amounting to almost funeral gravity, and really get no pleasure, but succeed admirably in the frivolous noisiness who pass in and out of the hops all day. Among the social functions for to-day is the marriage of Miss Claire Jeanette Morton and Mr. Kenneth L. Melver, at Centenary Methodist Church, at 5:30 o'clock.

Dr. and Mrs. Duncan Brooker will also give a reception this evening from 8:30 to 10 o'clock, at their residence, No. 1414 Main Street. The occasion being the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding.

A beautiful marriage was solemnized last night at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, No. 14 North Twentieth Street, the contracting parties being Miss Katie O'Sullivan and Mr. Clarence E. Bradshaw. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father O'Keefe. The parlor was beautifully decorated with palms and cut flowers.

The bride is one of the prettiest young ladies on Church Hill, and is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. O'Sullivan. Bradshaw is a rising young man and the chief inspector of the Richmond Telephone Company. He is popular in social circles. The popularity of the young couple has been attested by the numerous valuable presents received. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw left for an extended Northern tour, and on their return, will, for a time, be to their friends at No. 111 Twelfth Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas V. Morton entertained last night the bride party of their daughter, Miss Claire Jeanette Morton, who will be married to-night to Rev. Kenneth L. Melver, at their home, No. 1414 Main Street.

The parlor was prettily decorated in palms and chrysanthemums, making a color scheme of green and white. Among the guests who were present were: Miss Carrie Virginia Morton, Miss Margaret B. Morton, Miss Nellie Winn White, Messrs. Douglas V. Morton, Walker C. Morton, James Morton, of Richmond; the Rev. L. N. Clegg and the Rev. Marcus Leroy Phillips, of the Union Theological Seminary; Professor W. P. M. Currie, of North Carolina; the Rev. John A. Williams, of Texas; Mrs. Louie Ewers and Colonel Walter L. Hines, of Washington.

Mr. William D. Satterwhite and Miss Hettie Coleman, of Church Hill, will be married at 9 o'clock this morning in the parlors by the Rev. John Hannon. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. Satterwhite will leave for a Northern trip.

Mr. Satterwhite is an esteemed employee at the Chesapeake and Ohio shops, and Miss Coleman is the charming daughter of Mr. Samuel Coleman, who is employed by the city.

Governor J. Hoge Tyler will be the guest of honor at a dinner given by Mr. Alexander Cameron Thursday night, at his residence, No. 519 East Franklin Street. Among the guests will be the social friend of the Governor, and, doubtless, this occasion will prove one to be remembered by them in the far distant time.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Taylor have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Jeanette Taylor, to Mr. J. Gates Goode, December 19th at 9 o'clock, at their residence, "Cheriton," Virginia.

Dr. Goode was at one time one of the ambulance surgeons of this city, and during his residence here made many friends, who will extend to him their hearty congratulations.

The Milton Work Whist Club's meeting last night was largely attended and there was a spirited contest. The highest north and south score was made by Mrs. W. S. Davis and Miss Quakes, and the highest east and west score by Mrs. Waddill and Miss Rutherford.

Twelfth night, the 6th of January, which is Washington's wedding day, has been set aside by the Colonial Dames for their annual festival. This should afford for in attendance unlimited field for the revival of old English and colonial costumes.

The "Stay at Home" Whist Club will hold their next meeting at the residence of Miss Helen Montague, Monday night. At their last meeting the highest score was obtained by Mrs. Thompson Brown, Bedford City, and Miss Josephine Knox, Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Barton H. Grundy are staying in Baltimore for a few days and are registered at the Rennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairfax Harrison and Mrs. Claude A. Swanson, wife of Representative Swanson, of Virginia, attended a card reception given yesterday by Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, from 4 to 6 P. M.

Miss Grace Pollard, daughter of Dr. John L. Pollard, has returned to her home in Caroline county, after a delightful visit to relatives in this city.

Miss Elizabeth Bouldin, of Houston, Va., is staying at No. 215 East Franklin Street.

## AMUSEMENTS.

The concert given at the Academy last night was the most wonderful musical event that has been heard in Richmond for some years. Madame Nevada's marvelous voice, which takes you out of yourself and far away into some dream land, surpassed all expectations that had been formed of it. Its flexibility, its quality, its wonderful range and its infinite sweetness are all qualities that contribute to the intense enthusiasm that this colored singer arouses. Her company is one of great excellence—indeed, no better balanced musical organization has visited Richmond, nor has there been one that has given the same degree of unalloyed pleasure.

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house. There are, however, hardly noticeable waits, and this feature of such a production as the offering makes it that much more acceptable. The Bijou Comedy Company has eclipsed the best hit of the season.

Mr. Sam S. Shubert's Shaftesbury Theatre, London, and New York Casino success, "The Belle of New York," will be seen at the Academy on Saturday afternoon and night. Most of the London company are still with the organization, and the company seen here last season has been kept intact, as well as the beautiful and shapely chorus, which took London by storm. The company's head ed by Mr. Edward J. Connelly and Miss Boulay Dodge.

On Christmas Day the Klaw and Erlanger Opera Company, presenting "Foxy Quiller," Dr. Koven and Smith's successful comic opera, will come to the Academy. This merry Dr. Koven piece scored the laughing musical hit of the past year. The stars of the production are burly, genial Jerome Sykes, who gives a humorously effective incarnation of the character of the far-seeing detective, Foxy Quiller, and his diminutive foil, the hill-pulping comedian, Adolph Zink, who enacts the role of the quaint Japanese dwarf, Kinoma, Eleanor Kent, the prima donna of the company; Julius Steger, the vigorous Corsican, and Grace Cameron as the winsome heroine of the sailor's romance, are chief in the supporting cast. The sale of seats begins at the Academy to-morrow morning.

Subscription lists for the concert to be given in this city by Madame Nordica on Monday, Dec. 20th, will be opened this morning at the box office at the Academy and at the music stores in the city. Lillian Nordica is undoubtedly the greatest soprano this country has produced. Her triumphs, however, have not been bounded by the ocean, and there is no more popular artist before the world to-day than this great cantatrice. Her concert to be given in this city is destined to be the best in the schools of opera, oratorio, and American and English ballads. She will be assisted by a pianist of international repute.

## COMMISSION AT WORK.

Will Soon Have Their Report Ready as to the State Penitentiary.

The Penitentiary Commission met in the office of Superintendent Helms yesterday afternoon and began work upon its report to the Legislature, which will be submitted to that body after the holidays.

All the members were present, as follows: Senator G. W. LeCato (chairman), Senator D. Q. Eggleston, and Delegate Stoneman, of Newmarket, and Mr. H. Wilson was present in the capacity of secretary of the commission. The data was gone over and the ground-work laid for the writing of the report. It was determined to recommend that \$225,000 be appropriated for the building of an administrative building and kitchen and 600 cells.

By a unanimous addition thereto with the expenditure of \$100,000 more it will be reported that the prison can be made a modern one in every respect.

The commission will meet at Murphy's Hotel again to-morrow night to continue its work.

## MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

The December number of "Hello, Billy," the local publication devoted to the order of Elks, is out, and is, as usual, filled with entertaining matter pertaining to the order.

Monocan Tribe, No. 55, Red Men, will meet in regular session at Monroe Hall to-morrow night at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is expected.

The Melrose Athletic Club of Church Hill held their regular quarterly meeting Monday, December 16th. After transacting routine business the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: J. Harvey Atkinson, president; C. W. Thompson, vice-president; Frank A. Johns, secretary and treasurer.

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## VOICE OF PROTEST IN PETERSBURG

Chamber of Commerce Oppose Report of Committee on Corporations

WILL SEND COMMITTEE HERE

Hosiery Company Furnishes Stockings for the Orphan Asylum—Section Head, Knocked from Bridge, Dies of His Injuries.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 17.—The Chamber of Commerce to-night at a special meeting appointed a committee of twelve to appear before the Constitutional Convention next Thursday to protest against incorporating into the Constitution the report of the Committee on Corporations specially restricting corporations in Virginia.

The Petersburg Hosiery Company has made a very liberal donation of stockings to the children of the Female Orphan Asylum in this city. Messrs. Helmsch and Sons, proprietors, have made these generous donations for several years.

John Moore, the colored section hand who was knocked off the Seaboard Air Line trestle near Old street Thursday morning, died at the Home for the Sick last night.

THOMAS H. LEACH, who has been arrested in South Boston for robbing a room in a boarding house, robbed the boarding house of Mrs. M. L. Robinson in Petersburg several weeks ago and served a sentence of thirty days in the city jail.

William Wheatley, a ship carpenter employed at the ship yards on a small island, was slightly injured last night by being struck on the head by a piece of falling timber.

THE annual Christmas pound party of West-Street Church for the poor of the church and community will be held at the church on December 24, 1901, from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M.

Rev. C. O. Woodward, pastor of Park View Christian Church, will leave for Baltimore Thursday, where on Sunday he will preach at the Christian church which recently extended a call to him.

Jeff Washington, of Prince George county, was arrested last night in a boarding house on the corner of Mr. James J. Branch, on Bank Street.

The Mechanics' Benevolent Association will hold its annual meeting next month.

Messrs. A. J. Clements, Charles E. Williamson and Robert Brunet will arrange for the public schools of Petersburg will close on Friday for the holidays.

NORFOLK ELECTION FRAUDS.

Judge Tucker Brooke, Representing Accused, Tears Judgments to Pieces.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 17.—The trial of election officers, charged with fraud at the legislative election here, November 5th, and which morning before Police Justice Taylor. By agreement, only those cases against Messrs. W. R. Trower, C. A. Fereas and John Hyston, judges of election at the second precinct of the Fifth Ward, who were indicted by the grand jury on the day of the election, signing false returns and other unlawful acts, were to be tried to-day.

Judges D. Tucker Brooke and Thomas H. Wilson appeared for all the defendants. Messrs. D. Lawrence Grover and Ralph Rüdigerberger appeared for Mr. Trower, who is a Republican, for the Commonwealth Messrs. W. H. Venable, R. W. Mallett and J. E. Heath, Jr., appeared. The two last-named gentlemen represent the return, or Day faction, as well as the legislative candidates of that faction. Messrs. Bibb and Lambeth, Judge Brooke opened by denouncing the indictment, which he moved to quash, saying that the defendants are misjoined in it since Mr. Farear and Trower are in two counts jointly charged, while Hyston is in but one count, charged with signing false returns and other unlawful acts, were to be tried to-day.

He said especially that the indictment failed to specify the purpose for which the election was held, and that it fails to recite the name of any legal voter who was deprived of his right to vote by reason of the accused filling out the polls at the last hour of evening.